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Saxony-Anhalt

1. The komandatury at Gusten (D-66) and Aschersleben (D-55) were disbanded.

Saxony

2. Twenty komandatura personnel were all that remained at Waldheim (K-78). The town was formerly occupied by a motorized infantry regiment.

4. [] between thirty and forty armored vehicles passed through Gräma (E-40) in a westerly direction. They were similar in appearance to the T-34 tank but were approximately one-third heavier and were equipped with a gun of 75 or 76.2mm extending well out in front of the chassis. The nature of the exhaust smoke indicated that they were powered by Diesels.

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5. The main road from Leipzig to Döben (E-34) was closed to civilian traffic. [] Artillery (including multiple rocket-launchers) and armored vehicles entered the area on both sides of the road and deployed there.

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6. Former Luftwaffe and German Navy coast artillery personnel in Leipzig were notified by the German police [] that they should hold themselves ready to depart at three days' notice for a four weeks' training course at Minst.

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7. New troops arrived [] in the general area of Grossenhain (A-01) to replace other troops who had withdrawn. They were kept strictly segregated from the German population and were concentrated in the local maneuver area. All the training areas were packed with troops and preparations were being made to receive even more. Most of the newly-arriving troops belonged to motorized infantry, tank,

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and artillery units. The tank units consisted mainly of three to four companies each, equipped with heavy tanks of the Josef Stalin type or with long-barrelled 122mm guns mounted on a Josef Stalin chassis. The artillery units were principally 120 mm mortar battalions.

By order of the Commanding General all training areas in Land Saxony were fenced-in with barbed wire. All supplies of barbed wire in the towns and villages were requisitioned.

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Thuringia

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9. The komendatura in Gera (K-06) was dissolved. The troops attached to it stated that they were being transferred to Moscow.
10. The only Red Army troops in Ropsen, near Gera, belonged to a signal unit consisting of a lieutenant and six to eight enlisted men. These soldiers remarked that they were maintaining a direct telephone line to Moscow, the only one in the area.
11. The Autobahn bridge between Arnstadt (J-25) and Mohlsdorf (K-24), which was demolished by the Wehrmacht and temporarily repaired by the US Army to carry up to Class 20 traffic, was being rebuilt in great haste as a permanent structure.

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Mecklenburg

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12. Infantry reinforcements arrived in Anklam (U-99), Greifswald (P-72), and on Usedom Island. Three to four thousand troops moved into Greifswald alone. The new troops, who wore green cap-bands and ranged from eighteen to twenty years in age, replaced the infantry and armored units which were preparing to evacuate Greifswald.

13. The billets and training area at Markgrafenheide were being completely dismantled

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14. over 6,000 cars had arrived at the Stern-Buchholz railroad station carrying materials for storage in the ammunition depot. The guards at the depot had been increased, the outer perimeter being controlled by eight hundred police and the inner by Red Army troops. Bunkers 14, 15, and 16 contained poison gas, while others contained considerable amounts of anti-tank ammunition. Large numbers of parachutes also arrived. (Comment: Current gazetteers make no mention of a Stern-Buchholz in Eastern Germany.)

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